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| Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary | Application No. 10/762,732 | Applicant(s) SURDAM, CHRISTOPHER | |
| | Examiner Ruth C. Rodriguez | Art Unit 3677 | |

All Participants:
Status of Application: _____

 (1) Ruth C. Rodriguez, PTO.

(3) _____.

 (2) Kevin S. Lemack, Applicant's representative.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 31 August 2006
Time: _____

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

 Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

None

Claims discussed:

12

Prior art documents discussed:

None

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

 (Examiner/SPE Signature)

 (Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The Examiner called Mr. Lemack to inquire whether an Examiner's amendment could be made to claim 12 in order to include why is the strap provided in combination with cargo tie-down system. Mr. Lemack suggested to insert the limitation --when in use enclosing said locking mechanism and securing any excess tie-down strap formed after tensioning said strap with said locking mechanism, said housing--, that is provided in claim 1, in the fourth line of claim 12 between "housing" and "comprising". Both parties agreed to make this change through an Examiner's amendment in order to place the application in condition for allowance..